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Classified By: Ambassador William J. Burns for reasons 1.4 b and d.

(C) The Ambassador conveyed U/S Jeffery's letter to First DFM Denisov November 12, and had a brief, preliminary discussion with him. Denisov said he thought the proposal for a bilateral economic dialogue made sense, and he was receptive to a meeting with U/S Jeffery in Moscow in late January of next year. He and the Ambassador agreed to meet on Monday, November 19, to discuss the issue in more detail, after Denisov had had a chance to consult with his colleagues in the GOR.

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